8. The work on Neem received recognition in the form of "Award on Neem Research" by ICFRE in 1996 and Vishist Vaigyanik Puruskar to a scientist of the institute awarded in 1998 by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Damage to crops by blue-bulls in UP

†2777. SHRI SHYAM LAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of farmers, affected by the damage afflicted by the blue-bulls, to agriculture crops/vegetables/oil/seeds/pulses/sugarcane in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh; if so, the details thereof and if not, whether a survery would be conducted in this regard; and

(b) whether such national loss would be prevented by formulating some effective plan through co-ordinated programme of the Forest Department and the Wild Life Department for elimination wild blue bulls; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Blue bulls essentially inhabit open scrub forests adjoining farmlands and frequently feed on agricultural crops. Some damage to crops by the blue bulls is, therefore, inevitable. However, in certain districts, the damage by blue bulls is reported to be significant. Neither any systematic survey of non-forest areas to assess the extent of damage caused by blue bulls to standing crops has been done nor any proposals have been received in this regard.

(b) Blue bull is included in Schedule III of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State or the authorised officer is empowered to permit hunting of problematic animal that cause damage to standing crops or cause such animal to be hunted.

Liaison Officers in Ministry of Environment and Forests

2778. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Departments/Sub-ordinate and Attached Offices, Public Sector and Autonomous Organizations/Corporations

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

under the Ministry of Enviornment and Forests are not nominating Liaison Officers for SCs, STs and OBCs, as required under Ministry of Home Affairs OM No. 16/17/67-Estt.(C) dated 10.4.1968 (DOPT OM No. 36022/5/76 dated 27.5.1976) for ensuring proper compliance of Government instructions in matters of reservation for SCs and STs and OBCs;

(b) if so, the names of such Offices/Organizations;

(c) if not, the names of Organizations which function as Administrative Units under this Ministry; and

(d) the Liaison Officers nominated for the purpose, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The details of Departments/Subordinate offices/Public Sector Undertaking/Autonomous organizations under the Ministry of Environment and Forests who have appointed Liaison Officers and the Liaison Officers appointed by them are furnished in Statement-I. (*See* below) The details of such offices who have not appointed Liaison Officers as yet are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Liaison Officers in the Ministry of Environment and Forests

Sl. No.	Name of the offices	Name and designation of the Liaisons Officers
1.	Ministry of Environment and Forests (Head Quarters), New Delhi	Shri K.P. Singh, Director For OBCs Shri J.P. Singh, Dy. Secretary For SCs/STs
2.	Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata	Dr. A.A. Ansari, Scientist 'E'
3.	Forest Survey of India, Dehradun	Sh. M.S. Bisht, Dy. Director
4.	Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata	Dr. Animesh Bal, Scientist 'D'
5.	National Zoological Park, N. Delhi	Sh. T.N. Nair, Administrative Officer

Sl. No.	Name of the offices	Name and designation of the Liasons Officers
6.	Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun	Sh. A.K. Upadhyay, Joint Director
7.	National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi	Sh. R.R. Bakde, Scientist 'C' For SCs/STs Dr. D.P. Singh, Scientist 'D' OBCs
8.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forests & Plantation Development Corporation Ltd. Port Blair	Sh. D. Biswas, Divisional Manager (P&A)
9.	Indian Plywood Industries Research Institute, Bangalore	Sh. Sushilkumar Nath, Scientist 'EI'
10.	G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora	Sh. K.K. Pande, Admn. Officer (I/C) For SC/ST Sh. Surya Kant, Finance Officer For OBCs
11.	Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Dr. Atul Gupta, Registrar
12.	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun	Sh. S.P. Singh, Secretary
13.	Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Shri T. Sreedharan, Assistant Manager (T)
14.	Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi	Dr. B. Sengupta, Member Secretary
15.	Southern Regional Office, Bangalore	Dr. C. Kaliaperumal, Joint Director
16.	Central Regional Office, Lucknow	Sh. A. Zaidi, Conservator of Forests
17.	Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneshwar	Sh. S. Kerketta, Deputy Director
18.	North-Eastern Regional Office, Shillong	Dr. V.T. Darlong, Additional Director
19.	Western Regional Office, Bhopal	Sh. A.B. Harpanahalli, Additional Director
20.	Wildlife Regional Office, Mumbai	Shri S.K. Niraj, Deputy Director
21.	Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh.	Shri Surender Kumar, Joint Director

Statement-II

Name of the Officers where Liaison Officers have not been appointed

Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun.

Ministry of Environment and Forests, Wildlife Regional Office, N. Delhi.

Ministry of Environment and Forests, Wildlife Regional Office, Chennai.

Ministry of Environment and Forests, Wildlife Regional Office, Kolkata.

Development of Forests in T.N.

2779. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of funds allocated for development of forests in Tamil Nadu, during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) whether the funds have been fully utilised; and

(c) whether the State Government has approached for additional grants and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) For the development of forests, the Ministry of Environment and Forests implements three major Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country including Tamil Nadu. These are:

(i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS)

(ii) Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme (AOFFPS)

(iii) Non-Timber Forest Produce including medicinal plants Scheme (NTFPS)

While IAEPS is sanctioned on a watershed basis. AOFFP AND NTFP Schemes are sanctioned for the entire State as a whole. The